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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q68149

Sumito NAKAGAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/031,406

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 2074

Examiner: Adrienne C. Johnstone

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: STEEL CORD FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF RUBBER ARTICLES, RUBBER-STEEL CORD COMPOSITE BODY, RADIAL TIRE, MOTORCYCLE RADIAL TIRE AND TIRE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 2004, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution on the merits Group I, claims 1-8. This election is made without traverse, but Applicants reserve the right to file an appropriate divisional application at an appropriate time.

Respectfully submitted,

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